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TSGLI Ambassador Training Call

May 21, 2008



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Agenda

- Introductions
 - Guest Speaker, Craig Taylor, PAC Administrator
- Administrative Updates
- New Program Introduction - PAC
- Current Legislation
- Open Discussion



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Administrative Reminders

- Let us know what you are up to!
 - Submit your claim workshops, briefings, or other events where you will be presenting TSGLI materials to the program office
- Submit any future agenda items to christen.wheeler@us.army.mil



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Pay and Allowances Continuation (PAC)

- What is PAC?
 - Continues a Soldier's combat and special pays after being injured in line of duty
 - Effective 15 May 2008
 - Replaces current Combat Rehabilitation and Injury Pay (CIP)
- Criteria for Eligibility
 - Hospitalization for a wound, injury or illness incurred while serving in a combat zone, combat operation or hostile fire event
 - Attached/assigned to a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU)
 - Hospitalization can occur immediately following event or at a later time if not initially evident
 - If MEDEVACED combat pay and special pay will continue
 - If not MEDEVACED, only special pay will continue
- Termination is no longer linked to TSGLI payment



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Comparison Slide – CIP and PAC

Subject Area	CIP	PAC
Eligibility	MEDEVAC from a designated combat zone and hospitalized	Hospitalized for wound, injury or illness due to combat operation. Includes those that become evident post-deployment
Payment Amounts	\$430 Max	All special pays received at the time of hospitalization including temporary duty allowance and incidental expenses
Terminating Events	TSGLI Received Notification of TSGLI eligibility No longer under the "auspice" of the military medical community	Return to duty (vs assigned to a medical or patient unit for duty) Transitions (REFRAD, discharge, or retire) Reach the one year time limit (extensions in 6 month increments possible) 5



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Legislative Updates

- **S. 1315- Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act of 2007**
 - (Section 105) Expands TSGLI Coverage to qualifying individuals for retroactive coverage. Removes the requirement that limits retroactive TSGLI payments to those who served in the OIF or OEF theaters of operations. Authorizes retroactive TSGLI payments for qualifying traumatic injuries incurred on or after October 7, 2001, but before December 1, 2005, irrespective of where the servicemember's injuries occurred.
 - (Section 106) Allows Secretary of VA to consider the loss of a dominant hand when determining severity of loss under the TSGLI program. Would give VA the authority to award greater compensation for the loss of a dominant hand.
 - (Section 107) Requires DOD and VA to create a document for servicemembers to designate a fiduciary for TSGLI benefits for servicemembers who experience a loss of mental capacity or an extended loss of consciousness. **Has already become law as part of PL 110-181 (Sec. 1711 of the FY08 National Defense Authorization)**
- **Passed by the Senate 4/24/08 Awaiting consideration by the House. There currently is no companion bill to S. 1315 in the**